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Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED BAY DELTA PROGRAM
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Dear Mr. Snow,

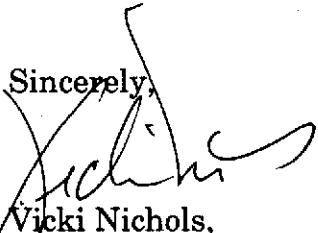
I am writing in regards to CalFed's Phase-II document, "draft preferred program alternative." Save Our Shores, a marine conservation group dedicated to protecting the central coast ocean environment, is disappointed by the documents heavy leanings towards the construction of new dams. In addition the long overdue "environmental water account" is worded with so few details and assurances that it could end up being another subsidy for water users whose diversions have been destroying our rivers.

We ask that you do the following to protect our fish and watersheds:

- * Invest in water efficiency for at least 7 years prior to considering new dams or reservoirs
- * Don't make taxpayers subsidize the studies for new dams and reservoirs.
- * Recover our rivers, bays, and fisheries by restoring adequate levels of fresh water and protect and restore the riparian areas sufficient to maintain healthy rivers.
- * Improve water quality for fish, wildlife, and people by eliminating pollution from waterways, managing salinity levels in the Delta, and promoting new drinking water treatment technologies.

Thank you for your consideration and please enter this letter into the formal record for CalFed's documents.

Sincerely,


Vicki Nichols,
Executive Director
Save Our Shores